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ANNUAL REPORT

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OF THE

SELECTMEN AND TREASURER

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF MADBURY,

FOR

The Year Ending March 1 1879.

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LIBBEY & CO., PRINTERS.
1879.

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURES FOR 1878.

SCHOOLS.

Paid John W Emery Com. Dist No 1,		$81 15
George W Kelley " 2,		237 46
Albert Varney " 3,		180 76
Charles L Huckins " 4,		157 74
City of Dover Hayes' and Hill's proportion of school money,		16 55
		$623 66

Paid State tax,	$504 00
County tax,	754 93
	$1258 93

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid John B Huckins Treasurer,	$10 00
John B Huckins Selectman,	25 00
Charles R Meserve "	25 00

Paid Stephen Reynolds, Selectman,.....	$25 00
James J Griffin Collector,.....	30 00
Lydia Jenkins S S Com,.....	14 00
John H Griffin Town Clerk,.....	10 00
John B Huckins and Charles R Meserve for assessing school house tax in Dist No 3,.....	3 00
James J Griffin for collecting school house tax in Dist No 3,.....	3 00
	$145 00

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Ira A Locke for support of John and Ellen Church one year up to March 1, 1879,.....	$78 00
J Frank Seavey for one pair of shirts for John H Church,.....	1 00
John B Huckins one pair boots for John H Church,.....	1 75
Whitehouse & Varney for groceries delivered to Samuel Brown,.....	1 44
George E Varney truss for Samuel Brown,.....	4 00
Stephen Reynolds for supplies delivered to Samuel Brown,.....	7 56
Dr C A Fairbanks for three visits to Belle Brown,	3 75
	$97 50

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Martin V B Felker for 502 ft bridge plank,.....	$7 53
Samuel P Hoitt for bridge plank,.....	15 93
Samuel Gerrish for 32 hours labor on highway 6 40, for use of scraper .50, for 4 hours labor .60, credit for highway tax .40,.....	7 10
James Newton 27 hours labor 5 40, for horse 34 hours 5 10, credit for highway tax 9 38,....	1 12
Mrs Samuel Gerrish 64 hours labor 12 80, use of plow 1 47, 8 hours labor 1 20, use of plow .25, breaking plow 2 00, credit for highway tax 7 83,.....	9 83
John W Emery 39 hours labor 7 80, use of horses 24 hours 3 60, ten loads of gravel 1 50, credit for highway tax 8 52,.....	4 38
Henry Swallow 53 hours labor 10 60, horse for 50 hours 7 50, use of cart 62, credit for highway tax 8 60,.....	10 12

Paid Thomas Rutter for 40 hours labor 8 00, credit for highway tax 1 25,	$6 75
Stephen Jenkins for 151 hours labor 30 20, use of cart 1 00, 130 loads clay at 8 cents a load 10 40, 16 hours 2 40, cart and plow .25, credit for highway tax, 16 52,	27 73
Fred L Richardson for 1 days work in E E Demeritt's Dist,	2 00
Horace Foss, do,	2 00
Ivory H Kelley for work on culvert,	2 00
Charles E Demeritt labor on road in Dist No 3,	3 25
A B Tallant labor on highway,	10 00
John W Cole labor on highway in Ivory Kelley's Dist,	1 80
Henry Wiggin labor on highway in E E Demeritt's Dist,	3 85
Albert Young for labor and material for repairing culvert,	2 50
E E Demeritt labor on highway,	4 00
Joseph Jacobs labor on Green Hill road,	6 00
Charles R Meserve for labor on Jones and Gerrish bridge,	75
Stephen Reynolds labor on culvert,	5 00
Stephen Reynolds 41 hours labor in Dist No 5 at 20 cents per hour,	8 20
Stephen Reynolds for 97 hours labor in Dist No 5 at 15 cents per hour,	14 55
Stephen Reynolds for use of cart,	75
Abram Morrison for labor on road,	5 65
George M Church for railing bridge,	1 00
George W Anderson for 336 ft oak timber for Canney bridge for the year 1877,	10 08
James J Griffin for labor on highway,	1 00
	$1108 00

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid George A Locke surveyor in Dist No 14, 291 hours,	$43 65
John W Emery for breaking roads 108¾ hours,	16 82
Abram Tallant " " 285¼ "	42 89
William S Hayes " " 58 "	5 70
David H Evans for 60 hours,	9 00
Edwin L Jenkins 207 "	31 05

Paid Charles R Meserve 113½ hours		$17 03
George W Bodge 64¼ "		9 63
Charles Henderson for breaking roads,		41 29
Ivory H Kelley for 35 hours,		5 25
Isaac G Felker 40 "		6 00
E E Demeritt 39 "		5 89
Jonathan Jenkins 42 "		6 30
Ira T Jenkins 28½ "		4 27
Charles H Gerrish 23 "		2 65
Martin V B Felker 26½ "		3 97
Martin V B Felker for use of field for highway,		5 00
Ira T Jenkins 10 hours,		1 50
Charles E Demeritt 218½ hours,		32 77
Jacob W Miles 14 "		2 10
Charles R Cockings for breaking roads after books were closed in 1878,		2 25
Daniel Twombly 10½ hours,		1 57
Stephen Reynolds 30 "		4 50
Mrs Mary E Kingman for 16 hours,		2 40
Abram Morrison 4 "		60
John W Cole 4½ "		68
		$128 99

DAMAGE BY DOGS IN 1878.

Paid Ann Cole for one sheep killed by dog,	$3 00
George W Bodge, do,	3 00
E E Demeritt for two sheep killed by dog,	6 00
	$12 00

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid Libbey & Co for printing town accounts for the year 1877,	$14 00
Andrew Roberts for breaking spring to carryall,	2 50
Charles E Demeritt for breaking wagon axle,	4 00
E J Lane for collector's book, inventory books, pamphlet laws, etc,	8 01
John Daley for breaking sleigh shaft,	3 00
Post office box rent,	2 50
John B Huckins for going to Concord to settle State tax,	3 00
For Post office keys,	70

Paid Bounty on fox and hawks,	$6 10
Charles R. Meserve for perambulating lines between Durham, Lee and Barrington, and making return of Durham,	5 50
John B Huckins for perambulating line between Durham, Lee and Barrington, and making return of Lee and Barrington,	6 00
Stephen Reynolds for keeping tramps,	3 75
Stephen Reynolds for perambulating line between Durham, Lee and Barrington,	5 00
Stephen Reynolds going with County commissioners over town,	2 00
Dr Wm P Sylvester for certificates of births and deaths,	1 75
James B Cole for cleansing town hall,	2 00
Charles R Meserve for one day with commissioners,	2 00
Charles R Meserve for making out the inventory and returning same to County commissioners,	1 50
Charles R Merserve for one day to Northwood in Berry case,	2 00
John B Huckins for blanks for check lists,	1 55
John B Huckins for making out inventory for County commissioners,	1 50
John B Huckins for one day to Dover to settle with commissioners,	2 00
John B Huckins for going to Rochester in pauper case,	2 00
John B Huckins for one day to Northwood in Berry case,	2 00
John B Huckins for going with commissioners over town,	2 00
John B Huckins for postage stamps,	30
Jonathan F Berry for surveying town lines,	50
John H Griffin for recording marriages, births, deaths, and making return of militia,	6 00
John H Griffin for postage and stationery,	1 00
Frank H Bennett for sleigh broken on highway,	1 00
Lydia Jenkins for posting notices for the year 1877 and 1878,	4 00
Isaac Lucas for damage to wagon,	10 00
	$109 16

BILLS ON TOWN HOUSE.

Paid J Converse for 16 M shingles at 3.00 per M,	$48 00

Paid Geo F Rollins for 100 lbs nails,.....	$3 25
Geo W Meserve for drawing 16 M shingles,.....	2 00
Geo D Nute for laying shingles at 75c per M.,..	12 00
Charles R Meserve for saddle boards for T House,	75
	$66 00

SCHOOL HOUSE TAX.

Paid Charles Hayes, Dist No 3,.....	$125 00

ABATEMENTS FOR YEAR 1878.

Downs, Wm H on poll and school house tax,.....	1 09
Harris, Simeon E on poll and stock,.....	1 27
Jenkins, Charles P on poll and dog,..... ...	2 02
Mahoney, John F on poll.....	83
	$5 21

ABATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1877 IN JAS. J. GRIFFIN'S LIST.

Meserve, James W on poll and horse,.....	1 37
Brown, Samuel on poll,.....	1 22
Drew, Jacob do,.....	1 22
Daley, Thomas do,.....	1 22
Day, Alonzo do,.....	1 22
Gagner, Peter do,.....	1 22
Pray, Calvin do,.....	1 22
Reynolds, Alphonzo on poll and dog,.....	2 22
Hayes, Benjamin F on dog,.....	1 00
	$11 91

TOWN OF MADBURY IN ACCT. WITH TREAS.

CREDIT.

By cash in Treasury in 1878 including Dog Tax,.....	$455 01
State, County, Town, School, Dog and School House Tax in Dist No 3,.....	2046 97
Highway Tax,.....	904 13
Savings Bank Tax,.....	552 95

Literary Fund,	$29 97
Railroad Tax,	65 46
Interest on Literary Fund from Stephen Jenkins,	12 42
Received of County for support of County paupers,	97 50
Received of County for tramps,	1 00
Received for rent of Town house,	6 50
Outstanding in J J Griffin's List of '77,	37 83
	$4209 74

TOWN OF MADBURY IN ACCT. WITH TREAS.

DEBTOR.

Paid Schools,	$623 66
State Tax,	504 00
County do,	754 93
Support of Poor,	97 50
Salaries of town officers,	145 00
Highways and Bridges,	174 37
Breaking Roads,	304 76
Miscellaneous Bills,	109 16
Damage by Dogs in 1878,	12 00
Abatements for 1878,	5 21
Outstanding in James J Griffin's list,	70 73
Abatements in James J Griffin's list for 1877,	11 91
Highway tax worked out,	863 13
Auditors,	2 00
Benjamin F Hayes for Highway tax worked out for 1877,	11 15
Bills on Town house,	66 00
C W Hayes school house tax Dist No 3,	125 00
Cash in treasury,	323 23
	$4209 74

JOHN B. HUCKINS, Treasurer.

JOHN B. HUCKINS,
CHARLES R. MESERVE,
STEPHEN REYNOLDS,
} Selectmen of Madbury.

We, the undersigned, certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of the Town Treasurer, and find them cor-

rectly cast and all payments charged against the town, properly vouched.

Madbury, March 5, 1879.

JACOB D. YOUNG, }
JOSEPH FERNALD, } Audito.s.

Cash in Treasury March 1, 1879 including Dog Tax,..	$323 23
Outstanding in J J Griffin's list for 1879,.....	70 73
	$393 96

Received of Stephen Jenkins fifty dollars in part of Literary Fund, and deposited the same in Strafford County Savings Bank.

Forty-one dogs taxed in 1878, $42.00.

JOHN B. HUCKINS, }
CHAS. R. MESERVE, } Selectmen of
STEPHEN REYNOLDS, } Madbury.

SCHOOL REPORT.

To the citizens of Madbury:—I have the honor of submitting the following report of the schools of this town, for the past year.

DISTRICT No. 1.—John W. Emery, Prudential Committee. Summer term—Miss Ada J. Drew, teacher. No. of scholars 12; average attendance 10 4-5; length of school in weeks 9, commencing May 6th and closing July 3d; wages of teacher per month $28. No. of children in the district, between the ages of five and fifteen not attending any school 2.

Winter term—Miss Ada J. Drew, teacher. No. of scholars 11; average attendance 10; length of school in weeks 14, commencing Oct. 14th, and closing Jan 24th; wages of teacher per month $31. Names of scholars on the Roll of Honor, Frank Rutter, Eddie Gerrish, and Horace W. Jenkins. No. of children in the district between the ages of five and fifteen not attending any school 3.

This district has had two very successful terms of school this year, under the care of a first class teacher. Miss Drew labored very energetically in behalf of her school, and I think she had the good will of all the scholars and parents. The scholars were quiet and orderly, and the closing examinations showed good and thorough advancement.

DISTRICT No. 2.—George Kelly, Prudential Committee. There being an indecision in regard to the legality of the election of the Prudential Committee, this district had no school during the Summer. The school commenced in the Fall, under the instruction of Miss Sophie George. I have visited the school twice, only once officially; I was not notified at the close of the first term, or at the commencement of the second, consequently, I cannot report the progress made; the order was not quite what it should be, especially for such a small school.

Miss George teaches the second term, which is still in session.

District No. 3.—Albert Varney, Prudential Committee. Summer term—Miss Zella A. Stevens, teacher. No. of scholars 9; average attendance 7 10-11; length of school in weeks 9, commencing April 29th, and closing June 29th; wages of teacher per month $26. Names of scholars on the Roll of Honor, Addie J. Erans and Elvin K. Varney.

This district was very fortunate in securing the services of Miss Stevens, an efficient and successful teacher; her faithful instruction and zealous labor could not fail to be attended with good results. Many of the parents manifested their interest by being present at examination, and I think they were satisfied that this term had been a profitable one for their children.

Winter term—Mr. Samuel Jenness, teacher. No. of scholars 11; average attendance 8 61-106; length of school in weeks, 10 3-5, commencing Nov. 4th and closing Jan. 16th. Wages of teacher per month, $26. Names of scholars on Roll of Honor, Addie J. Erans, Elvin K. Varney. No. of children in the district between the ages of five and fifteen not attending any school 3. Mr. Jenness exhibited much interest in behalf of his school, and endeavored to instil knowledge into the minds of his pupils, in a manner plainly to be understood by them. The school was under good discipline, and the examination gave evidence of a satisfactory term.

District No. 4.—Charles Huckins, Prudential Committee. Summer term—Miss Lydia Jenkins, Teacher. No. of scholars 28; average attendance, 25 1-10; length of school in weeks, 8; commencing May 20th and closing July 12th; wages of teacher per month, $28. Names of scholars on Roll of Honor, Mary H. Huckins.

Winter term—Mr. Charles W. Weeks, teacher. No. of scholars, 27; average attendance, 22 7-27; length of school in weeks 10 4-5; commencing Nov. 11th and closing Jan. 25th; wages of teacher per month, $35. Names of scholars on the Roll of Honor, Seddie M. Felker, Ellery M. Felker, and Lillian W. Young.

This is a district where the majority of the parents and scholars are united in their efforts for a good school. Mr. Weeks has taught several terms of school in this district; therefore, his reputation as a teacher being well established, I need not make any comments in regard to his abilities in that capacity, and it will suffice for me to say, that, under his tuition, the school made commendable progress.

General Remarks.

The harmony of some of our schools has been somewhat marred by the introduction of politics into the school affairs by a few of our citizens, who, it appears, are more fond of strife than of peace. It is my candid opinion, that, if such persons would let the future of their children predominate in their minds, they would be elevated above party influence when transacting business pertaining to the school. Such things not only create ill feeling among the parents, but, what is far worse, they extend their poisonous venom into the school room among the scholars and teachers, where there should be no other thoughts except those of study and obedience on the part of the former, and of improving and advancing the school on the part of the latter. All citizens of a town should lend their aid toward having good schools, for a poor school is certainly not an honor to any place; the parents, especially, should be interested to have a competent teacher secured, one who deems good order an essential part for a profitable school, and who will spare no amount of labor in behalf of his or her pupils; when confident that they have proceeded so far, it is then their duty to send the children to school every day, if it is possible, well instructed as to the part they are to perform in order to insure the desired advancement, and they may be sure that they have spent their time and labor to a good advantage.

The school-room is the place where your children are to be better fitted to occupy some position on the stage of life, no matter how exalted or how humble it may be, and, if you desire their prosperity, let the temple of learning remain sacred a little longer.

I think that the most of the labor performed in the school-rooms during the past year, has been full as productive of good results, as that of the preceding school year.

In taking leave of the charge of the schools in town, I would thank the parents, scholars, and citizens, who have given me their co-operation during my supervision, and I trust I may be pardoned for expressing a sincere wish for the future success and advancement of the schools. I have been interested in my work, and I have endeavored to discharge the duties devolving upon me, to the best of my ability, but with what success, I leave the future to decide.

Most Respectfully,

LYDIA JENKINS,
S. S. Committee.

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